



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Agenda

Town Council

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Groton, CT 06340-4394
Town Clerk 860-441-6640
Town Manager 860-441-6630

Mayor James L. Streeter, Councilors Bruce S. Flax, Bill Johnson, Catherine Kolnaski, Deborah B. Monteiro, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Deborah L. Peruzzotti, Paulann H. Sheets, and Harry A. Watson

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

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| 2010-0128 | Proclamation Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Groton Public Library | Proclamation - TC |
| 2010-0136 | Proclamation Commemorating Flag Day - BPOE | Proclamation - TC |
| 2010-0140 | Proclamation Honoring Antonina Marie Williams | Proclamation - TC |
| 2010-0141 | Proclamation Recognizing Ryan Anthony Homand | Proclamation - TC |

IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

This is the portion of the Council Agenda where the Council welcomes comments from citizens. Each presentation should be limited to five (5) minutes or less, and citizens should, if possible, submit written comments. Presentations should be related to matters pertinent to Groton. Town Councilors will only ask questions in order to clarify the speaker's presentation and can respond during the Responses to Citizens' Petitions portion of the Town Council meeting. Citizens should make their presentations from the lectern and state their names and addresses for the record.

V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under Item VI (Consent Calendar) are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion of these items will take place, unless cause is shown prior to the time Council votes on the motion to adopt.

a. Approval of Minutes

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| 2010-0138 | Approval of Minutes (Town Council) | Resolution - Consent |
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RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of June 1, 2010 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Administrative Items

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| 2010-0130 | Special Trust Fund Contributions | Resolution - Consent |
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RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby accepts contributions to the Town as follows:

Eurocars - \$30.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Stepping Stones - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

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| 2009-0248 | FYE 2011 Budget | Referral |
| 2009-0314 | Freedom of Information Act Presentation | Referral |
| 2010-0106 | October 2011 Revaluation | Referral |
| 2010-0119 | Miscellaneous and Ad Hoc Committee Appointments | Referral |
| 2010-0131 | Acceptance of Heartwell Drive | Referral |
| 2010-0132 | Groton Long Point Police Budget - Request for Supplemental Appropriation | Referral |
| 2010-0135 | River Road Repairs | Referral |
| 2010-0137 | Appointment of Lenore White to the Library Board | Referral |
| 2010-0139 | Authorization to Conduct a Town-Wide Police Assessment | Referral |
| 2010-0143 | Establishment of Thames Street Review Committee | Referral |

VII. COMMUNICATION REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)

- a. Town Councilors**
- b. Clerk of the Representative Town Meeting**
- c. Clerk of the Council**
- d. Town Manager**
- e. Town Attorney**

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Community & Cultural Development - Chairman Peruzzotti**
- b. Economic Development - Chairman Johnson**
- c. Education/Health & Social Services - Chairman Kolnaski**
- d. Environment/Energy - Chairman Sheets**
- e. Finance - Chairman O'Beirne**
- f. Personnel/Appointments/Rules - Chairman Flax**
- g. Public Safety - Chairman Monteiro**
- h. Public Works/Recreation - Chairman Watson**
- i. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Streeter**

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

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| 2010-0119 | Miscellaneous and Ad Hoc Committee Appointments | Referral |
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RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO MISCELLANEOUS AND AD HOC COMMITTEES

WHEREAS, the Town Council makes appointments to miscellaneous and ad hoc local and regional committees as well as appointing liaisons to other groups, and

WHEREAS, upon its election every two years the Town Council should reconsider these appointments, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following individuals are appointed to the groups as noted:

Pequot Woods Board of Trustees - Councilor Frank O'Beirne
 Golf Advisory Board - Councilor William Johnson (ex-officio, non-voting)
 School Design Committee - Councilor Catherine Kolnaski, John Scott (former Town Councilor)
 Parks and Recreation Master Plan Implementation Advisory Committee - Councilor Deborah Monteiro
 Economic Development Commission Liaison - Councilors William Johnson and Deborah Peruzzotti
 Town Council/RTM/Board of Education Liaison Committee - Councilors Catherine Kolnaski, Harry Watson, and Bruce Flax
 Groton Community Boating Club Advisory Board Liaison - Councilor Paulann Sheets
 Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority Representative Advisory Board - Councilor Paulann Sheets and Resident Mary Lou Smith (both currently serving terms that expire 9/1/11)
 New London Ledge Lighthouse Board of Directors - Councilor Deborah Monteiro
 Mystic Cooperative Task Force - Mayor James Streeter
 Southeastern Connecticut Councilor of Governments - Mayor James Streeter and Town Manager Mark Oefinger
 Long Island Sound Assembly - Councilor Harry Watson

Legislative History

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| | 5/17/2010 | Mayor | Referred | Town Council Committee of the |
| | 6/8/2010 | Town Council Committee of the Whole | Recommended for a Resolution | |
| 2010-0131 | Acceptance of Heartwell Drive | | | Referral |

ACCEPTANCE OF HEARTWELL DRIVE

WHEREAS, the Copp Subdivision was approved on June 28, 2005, and

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2010 the Planning Commission recommended acceptance of a 320 linear foot road known as Heartwell Drive along with associated public improvements, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby accepts Heartwell Drive as a Town street.

Legislative History

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| | 6/1/2010 | Mayor | Referred | Town Council Committee of the |
| | 6/8/2010 | Town Council Committee of the Whole | Recommended for a Resolution | |
| 2010-0132 | Groton Long Point Police Budget - Request for Supplemental Appropriation | | | Referral |

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE GROTON LONG POINT POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, during its deliberations on the FYE 2011 budget the Representative Town Meeting voted to reduce Groton Long Point's police budget by \$208,000, and

WHEREAS, the Groton Long Point Board subsequently voted to reduce its public safety budget by \$80,000 and pay the remaining \$128,000 through an increase in the district's mill rate, and

WHEREAS, prior to this decision, the president of the Groton Long Point Board had requested a supplemental appropriation from the Town of Groton in the amount of \$128,000, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has authorized a Town-wide police assessment in an effort to bring

Groton Long Point, City of Groton, and Town of Groton representatives to the table to discuss police services, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council felt that Groton Long Point's request for a supplemental appropriation should be addressed separately from the Town-wide police assessment, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that a transfer of \$128,000 be made from the FYE 2011 General Fund's Contingency account (#10741-5499) to the Groton Long Point's police account (#10910-5230).

Refer to RTM.

Legislative History

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| 6/1/2010 | Mayor | Referred | Town Council Committee of th |
| 6/8/2010 | Town Council Committee of the Whole | Discussed | |
| 6/8/2010 | Town Council Committee of the Whole | Recommended for a Resolution | |
| 6/8/2010 | Town Council Committee of the Whole | Motion | |

2010-0135 River Road Repairs

Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE PERMITTING AND DESIGN OF REPAIRS TO RIVER ROAD

WHEREAS, a section of River Road was damaged during the March 2010 rain event effectively dead-ending the road for vehicular traffic, and

WHEREAS, no funds are currently appropriated to permit, design and repair the road, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has estimated the cost of permitting and design work at \$75,000, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that a supplemental appropriation of \$75,000 be appropriated from the Capital Reserve Fund Balance as a FYE 2011 road project.

Legislative History

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| 6/1/2010 | Mayor | Referred | Town Council Committee of th |
| 6/8/2010 | Town Council Committee of the Whole | Discussed | |
| 6/8/2010 | Town Council Committee of the Whole | Recommended for a Resolution | |

2010-0137 Appointment of Lenore White to the Library Board

Referral

RESOLUTION APPOINTING LENORE WHITE TO THE LIBRARY BOARD

RESOLVED, that Lenore White, 76 Brook Street, is appointed to the Library Board for a term ending 12/31/11.

Legislative History

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| 6/8/2010 | Town Council | Recommended for a |
| | Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution | |
| | /Legislation Committee | |

2010-0139 Authorization to Conduct a Town-Wide Police Assessment

Referral

AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT A TOWN-WIDE POLICE ASSESSMENT

WHEREAS, the Town Council has discussed the merits of a Town-wide police assessment on numerous occasions over the years, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council invites representatives from Groton Long Point and the City of Groton to meet, discuss, and develop a scope of services for a Town-wide police assessment, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes the Town Manager to issue a request for qualifications which incorporates the agreed upon scope of services and to obtain consultant qualifications for a Town-wide police assessment utilizing funds previously encumbered for management studies.

Legislative History

6/8/2010 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a
the Whole Resolution

2010-0143 Establishment of Thames Street Review Committee Referral

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A THAMES STREET REVIEW COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, a November 2009 referendum on a Thames Street Rehabilitation Project was turned down by Groton voters, and

WHEREAS, the Town and City have met on numerous occasions to discuss how best to move forward on the rehabilitation of Thames Street, and

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to have a broad-based committee identify why the November 2009 referendum failed; identify potential cost-saving measures/phasing schemes and/or alternatives for the project; and make a recommendation on Thames Street rehabilitation for the Town Council to consider, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that a Thames Street Review Committee is established and representatives appointed as follows:

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| Town Council | - | Councilor Deborah Monteiro |
| | | Mayor James Streeter |
| City Council | - | Deputy Mayor Marian Galbraith |
| | | Councilor Keith Hedrick |
| Thames Street Committee | - | Hali Keeler |
| | | Robin Hoffman |
| RTM | - | Mark Svencer |
| | | Nancy Beckwith |
| | | Joan Steinfeld |
| | | Carole McCarthy |

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Committee be supported by appropriate Town and City staff and that the Committee report back to the Town Council with their recommendations within 60 days of the Committee's initial meeting.

Legislative History

6/8/2010 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a
the Whole Resolution

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURNMENT